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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The Chicago Park District has filed applications with the Illinois Department of Natural Resources, requesting permits to install harbor facilities at Chicago Gateway Harbor and the 31st Street Harbor both in Lake Michigan in the City of Chicago to accommodate the ever-increasing boating public in the Chicago and northeastern Illinois areas; and

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WHEREAS, Section 18 of the Rivers, Lakes, and Streams Act provides that it is unlawful to commence the building of a harbor or mooring facility without (i) receiving a permit for the building of those facilities from the Department of Natural Resources, (ii) having the building of those facilities authorized by the General Assembly and approved by the Governor, and (iii) establishing that the building of those facilities shall be in aid of and not an interference with the public interest or navigation; and

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WHEREAS, The Department of Natural Resources, in fulfilling its statutory responsibilities, finds that the proposed construction programs requested by the Chicago Park District will be in aid of and not an interference with the public interest or navigation, as that phrase is defined in Section 18 of the Rivers, Lakes, and Streams Act, and the Department offers no objection to the building of such

1 facilities; therefore, be it

2 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
3 NINETY-SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE
4 SENATE CONCURRING HEREIN, that the Chicago Park District is
5 hereby authorized to construct a floating marina, to be
6 anchored to the bed of Lake Michigan, for the purpose of
7 accommodating the mooring of 270 watercraft at the Chicago
8 Gateway Harbor in accordance with the terms and conditions of
9 the permits issued by the Department of Natural Resources under
10 the provisions of the Rivers, Lakes, and Streams Act; and be it
11 further

12 RESOLVED, That the Chicago Park District is hereby
13 authorized to construct a floating marina, to be anchored to
14 the bed of Lake Michigan, for the purpose of accommodating the
15 mooring of 850 watercraft at the 31st Street Harbor in
16 accordance with the terms and conditions of the permits issued
17 by the Department of Natural Resources under the provisions of
18 the Rivers, Lakes, and Streams Act; and be it further

19 RESOLVED, That the jurisdiction and control of the
20 Department of Natural Resources over the bed of Lake Michigan
21 under the Rivers, Lakes, and Streams Act shall in no way be
22 diminished or limited by the authorizations and approvals
23 granted herein and that the title to the bed of Lake Michigan

1 under the floating marinas authorized to be constructed shall
2 remain in the State of Illinois and no improvements, other than
3 those herein authorized and approved, shall be made without the
4 further authorization and approval of the Department of Natural
5 Resources under the provisions of the Rivers, Lakes, and
6 Streams Act; and be it further

7 RESOLVED, That the approval granted by this resolution with
8 respect to a project is rescinded if the approval of the
9 Governor has not been received prior to the commencement of any
10 work in connection with the construction of that project, and
11 this approval does not apply to any work that is not in
12 conformance with the permit issued by the Department of Natural
13 Resources; and be it further

14 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of the resolution be
15 immediately delivered to the Department of Natural Resources
16 for filing with papers, documents, or other material,
17 information, and data relating to the application for and
18 processing of the permit for such work.